

III. REMARKS

A. Brief Summary of the Pending Claims

When the Office action was issued, claims 1, 10, and 15-27 were pending in the application. The Office action rejected claims 1, 10, and 15-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

The above amendment cancels claims 25-27, and adds new claims 28-34. Thus, after the above amendment is entered claims 1, 10, 15-24, and 28-34 will remain pending in the application.

B. Summary of Telephone Interview With Examiner Schwartz

*Interview Summary
10/24/05*

Mr. Ririe and Examiner Schwartz discussed this application during a telephone interview on August 2, 2005. The construction of some of the claim terms, as well as the teachings of the Ishii patent were discussed. No resolution or agreement was reached as to the outstanding rejections. Nevertheless, Examiner Schwartz is thanked for the courtesy of the interview.

C. Rejection of Claims 1, 15, and 16 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claim 1 is an independent claim and claims 15 and 16 depend from claim 1. The Office action rejected claims 1, 15, and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) for allegedly being obvious in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,132,012 to Ishii (“the Ishii patent”), U.S. Patent No. 5,221,125 to Okochi et al. (“the Okochi patent”), and U.S. Patent No. 6,679,564 to Nitta et al. (“the Nitta patent”). Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of these claims was incorrect for the following reasons.

Claim 1 as amended above recites:

a pressure detection device which measures the pressure of the hydraulic braking fluid in the gas accumulator and responsively produces an output signal;